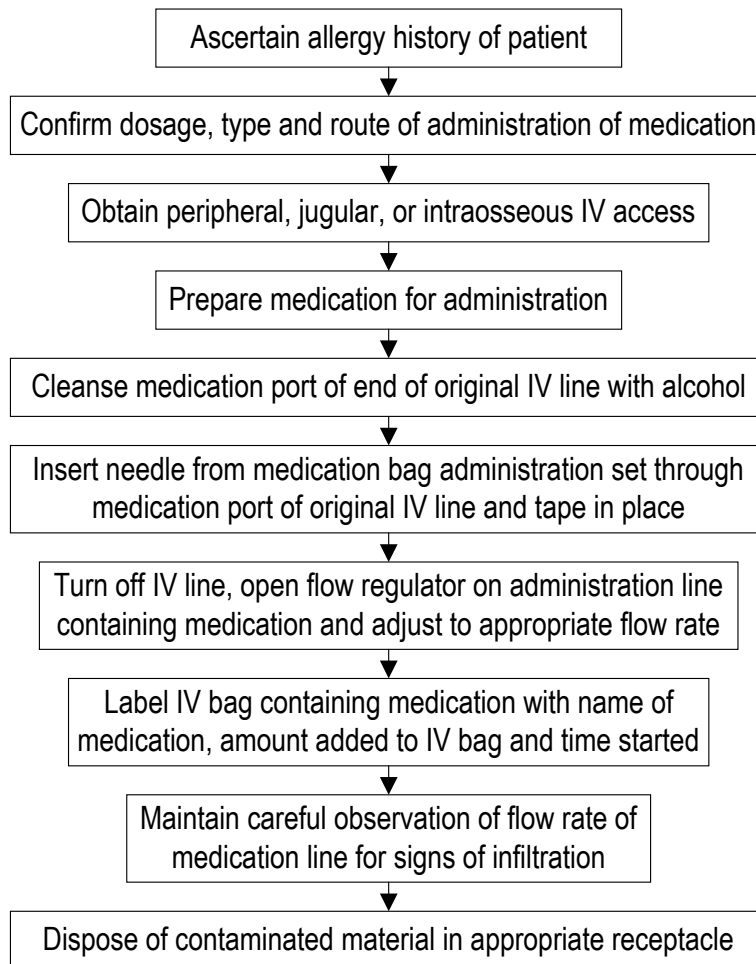


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
INTRAVENOUS DRIP
ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

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Purpose: To maintain therapeutic blood levels of a medication over a period of time		Indications: Patients with IV access who need to maintain therapeutic blood levels of a medication	
Advantages: Delivers medications constantly and continuously to the circulatory system for distribution throughout the body Maintains a relatively constant blood level of medication	Disadvantages: Must have IV access Line must be monitored to assure constant rate of administration	Complications: Vein irritation by medication injected Extravasation of medication if IV infiltrates	Contraindications: Infiltrated IV line Injury to the venous system proximal to the injection site



NOTES:

- Medications approved for IV drip:
 - Amiodarone, dopamine, lidocaine, sodium bicarbonate.